

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (**Currently amended**). A pressure sensitive adhesive for single-sided or double-sided adhesive sheet strips which are redetachable from substrates without residue or destruction by extensive stretching in the plane of the bond, composed of a mixture comprising a block copolymer and a tackifier, wherein at least one superabsorbent which is swellable in H₂O is incorporated into the mixture in an amount of from 0.5 to 20% by weight, based on the weight of adhesive.

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (**Currently amended**). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein said at least one superabsorbent is present in an amount of from 2 to 8% by weight, based on the weight of adhesive.

Claim 5 (previously presented). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 1 comprising one or more further swellable compounds.

Claim 6 (previously presented). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one superabsorbent is a sodium salt of a crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a starch-modified crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a crosslinked polyacrylamide, a crosslinked polysulfonic acid or carboxymethylcellulose.

Claim 7 (previously presented). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one additive.

Claim 8 (previously presented). A single-sided or double-sided adhesive sheet strip comprising the pressure sensitive adhesive of claim 1.

Claim 9 (previously presented). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 5, wherein said superabsorbent is a sodium salt of a crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a starch-

modified crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a crosslinked polyacrylamide, a crosslinked polysulfonic acid or carboxymethylcellulose.